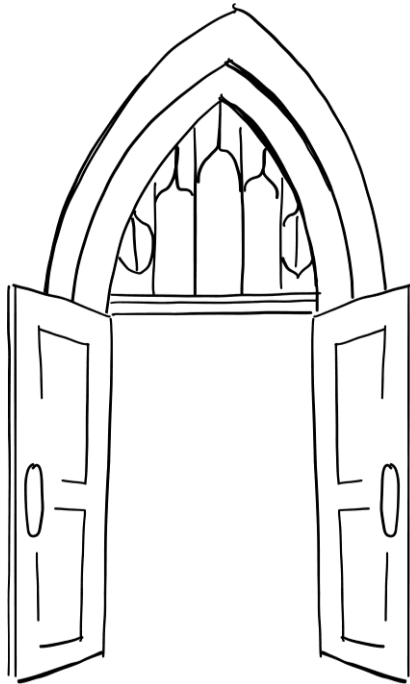


# THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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Worship Focus

**God's Open-Door Policies:  
Always Present, Always Patient**



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# Order of Service: THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

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The Service: Setting Four

## ✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

406 - In the Hour of Trial



1 In the hour of tri - al, Je - sus, plead for me  
2 With for - bid - den plea - sures should this vain world charm  
3 Should your mer - cy send me sor - row, toil, and woe,  
4 When my life is end - ing, though in grief or pain,



lest by base de - ni - al I un - wor - thy be.  
or its tempt - ing trea - sures spread to work me harm,  
or should pain at - tend me on my path be - low,  
when my bod - y chang - es back to dust a - gain,



When you see me wa - ver, with a look re - call,  
bring to my re - mem - brance sad Geth - sem - a - ne  
grant that I may nev - er fail your cross to view;  
on your truth re - ly - ing, through that mor - tal strife,



nor for fear or fa - vor ev - er let me fall.  
or, in dark - er sem - blance, cross - crowned Cal - va - ry.  
grant that I may ev - er cast my care on you.  
Je - sus, take me, dy - ing, to e - ter - nal life.

Stand

## INVOCATION

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION

If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. **If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.**

Let us confess our sins to the Lord. **Holy God, gracious Father, I am sinful by nature and have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions. I have not loved you with my whole heart; I have not loved others as I should. I deserve your punishment both now and forever. But Jesus, my Savior, paid for my sins with his innocent suffering and death. Trusting in him, I pray: God, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

*Silence for meditation and reflection*

Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world. Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

*Spoken responsively*

In peace let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord. **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Be seated*

## ✠ The Word ✠

### FIRST READING

Exodus 3:1–15

*The Lord reveals himself to Moses as flames within a bush—fire that warms and gives light yet does not consume.*

EXODUS 3:1 Now Moses was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian, and he led the flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up. 3 So Moses thought, “I will go over and see this strange sight—why the bush does not burn up.”

4 When the LORD saw that he had gone over to look, God called to him from within the bush, “Moses! Moses!”

And Moses said, “Here I am.”

5 “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.” 6 Then he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.” At this, Moses hid his face, because he was afraid to look at God.

7 The LORD said, “I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. 8 So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. 9 And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. 10 So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.”

11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

12 And God said, “I will be with you. And this will be the sign to you that it is I who have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you will worship God on this mountain.”

13 Moses said to God, “Suppose I go to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ Then what shall I tell them?”

14 God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM. This is what you are to say to the Israelites: ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ ”

15 God also said to Moses, “Say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you.’

“This is my name forever, the name you shall call me from generation to generation.

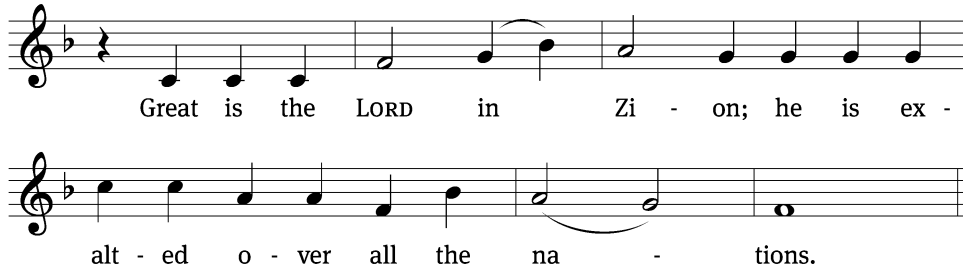
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

## Psalm 99B - Great Is the LORD in Zion

### Refrain



Great is the LORD in Zi - on; he is ex -  
alt - ed o - ver all the na - tions.

### Tone



The LORD reigns, let the nations / tremble;  
he sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the / earth shake.  
The King is mighty, he loves / justice—  
you have established / equity.  
Exalt the / LORD our God  
and worship at his footstool; he is / holy.

### Refrain

Moses and Aaron were a- / mong his priests,  
Samuel was among those who called / on his name.  
LORD our God, you / answered them;  
you were to Israel a forgiving God, though you punished / their misdeeds.  
Exalt the LORD our God and worship at his holy / mountain,  
for the LORD our God is / holy.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son  
and to the Holy / Spirit,  
as it was in the be- / ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. / Amen.**

### Refrain

## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 10:1–13

*God's presence, instead of leading the Israelites to repent, leads them to a sense of false security; and they set their hearts on evil.*

<sup>1</sup>CORINTHIANS 10:1 For I do not want you to be ignorant of the fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud and that they all passed through the sea. <sup>2</sup>They were all baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea. <sup>3</sup>They all ate the same spiritual food <sup>4</sup>and drank the same spiritual drink; for they drank from the spiritual rock that accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples to keep us from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” <sup>8</sup>We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. <sup>9</sup>We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. <sup>10</sup>And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

<sup>11</sup>These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. <sup>12</sup>So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall! <sup>13</sup>No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Stand*

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

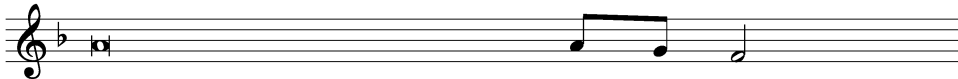
*After a brief introduction, the congregation sings the refrain. After the tone, the congregation repeats the refrain.*

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to you, Lord Je - sus Christ, Son of the liv - ing God.

*Tone (sung by the cantor)*



He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to per - ish,



but everyone to come to re - pent - ance.

## GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:1-9

*God is patient, but our time of grace ends at the moment of death that comes unexpectedly. Jesus teaches to repent now.*

<sup>1</sup>LUKE 13:1 Now there were some present at that time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mixed with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>Jesus answered, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered this way? <sup>3</sup>I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen who died when the tower in Siloam fell on them—do you think they were more guilty than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>I tell you, no! But unless you repent, you too will all perish.”

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree growing in his vineyard, and he went to look for fruit on it but did not find any. <sup>7</sup>So he said to the man who took care of the vineyard, ‘For three years now I’ve been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and haven’t found any. Cut it down! Why should it use up the soil?’

<sup>8</sup>“‘Sir,’ the man replied, ‘leave it alone for one more year, and I’ll dig around it and fertilize it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, fine! If not, then cut it down.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

*Be seated*

*“I have come  
seeking fruit  
on this fig tree ...”*

Luke 13:7, ESV



## HYMN OF THE DAY

712 - Delay Not! Delay Not



1 De - lay not! De - lay not! O sin - ner, draw near!  
2 De - lay not! De - lay not, O sin - ner, to come,  
3 De - lay not! De - lay not! The Spir - it of grace,  
4 De - lay not! De - lay not! Why long - er a - buse



The wa - ters of life are now flow - ing for you.  
for mer - cy still lin - gers and calls you to - day.  
long grieved and re - sist - ed, may take his sad flight  
the love and com - pas - sion of Je - sus, your God?



No price is de - mand - ed, the Sav - ior is here;  
Its voice is not heard in the vale of the tomb;  
and leave you in dark - ness to fin - ish your race,  
A foun - tain is o - pened—how can you re - fuse?



re - demp - tion is pur - chased, God's prom - ise is true.  
its mes - sage, un - heed - ed, will soon pass a - way.  
to sink in the gloom of e - ter - ni - ty's night.  
Come, wash and be cleansed in his par - don - ing blood.

## ✠ Sermon ✠

Luke 13:1-9

## How to Read the News

Stand



## ✠ Confession of Faith ✠

### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Be seated*

### ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary
- On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>
- Scan the QR code to the right...



Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.

### PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*You may remain seated for prayer*

Lord, you truly give your people what is good. In patience you set aside your wrath. In grace you give all people time. Show us your unfailing love, Lord, **and grant us your salvation.**

In your love and faithfulness, restore and revive our souls. Let your mercy move us to daily repentance that we understand the gift of your grace and stand firm in you. Show us your unfailing love, Lord, **and grant us your salvation.**

Have mercy on those who do not know you and have not heard your Word. Plant the Word in their hearts, bring them to faith and give them opportunities to grow and bear fruit to your glory. Show us your unfailing love, Lord, **and grant us your salvation.**

Look on all the schools of our land and bless those who teach and those who learn, that they may grow in true knowledge, wisdom and skill as they learn about the wonders of your world. Show us your unfailing love, Lord, **and grant us your salvation.**

Let your Word of repentance and grace be proclaimed in this and every place. Feed your people with your Word, that your kingdom may be strengthened and expanded among us. Show us your unfailing love, Lord, **and grant us your salvation.**

Faithful God, hear the cries of your people who pray to you in every trouble, [especially...]. Do not let them be tempted beyond what they can bear but strengthen them to endure all things. Show us your unfailing love, Lord, **and grant us your salvation.**

*Special prayers and intercessions may follow.*

In the silent prayers of our hearts we cast all our cares on you.

*Silent prayer.*

O Lord God of time and eternity, you make us creatures of time, and when time is over you will welcome us to your blessed eternity. Give us wisdom to redeem the time that we do not lose our day of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## HYMN

834 - Still, My Soul, Be Still

*Worship Team leads; congregation joins as comfortable.*



1 Still, my soul, be still and do not fear though winds of  
2 Still, my soul, be still; do not be moved by less - er  
3 Still, my soul, be still; do not for - sake the truth you



change may rage to - mor - row. God is at your side;  
lights and fleet - ing shad - ows. Hold on to his ways  
learned in the be - gin - ning. Wait up - on the Lord



no long - er dread the fires of un - ex - pect - ed sor - row.  
with shield of faith a - gainst temp - ta - tion's flam - ing ar - rows.  
and hope will rise as stars ap - pear when day is dim - ming.

*Refrain*

God, you are my God, and I will trust in you and not be  
 shak - en. Lord of peace, re - new a stead-fast spir-it with-in  
 me to rest in you a-lone, to rest in you a-lone.

*Stand*

## CLOSING COLLECT and LORD'S PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

## BLESSING

Brother and sisters, go in peace.  
 Live in harmony with one another.  
 Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.  
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
 The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.

**Amen.**

# CLOSING HYMN

923 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah



1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain whence the heal - ing  
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious



bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y;  
stream doth flow; let the fi - ery, cloud - y pil - lar  
fears sub - side; death of death and hell's de - struc - tion,



hold me with thy pow'r - ful hand. Bread of heav - en,  
lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - 'rer,  
land me safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es,



bread of heav - en, feed me till I want no  
strong de - liv - 'rer, be thou still my strength and  
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to



more, feed me till I want no more.  
shield, be thou still my strength and shield.  
thee, I will ev - er give to thee.

***After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.***